

# **Traumatic Brain Injury Fund Advisory Committee Meeting**

*January 15, 2009*

*Utah Department of Health (Room 201)*

*4:00 pm – 5:30 pm*

## **MINUTES**

### **Committee Members Present**

Ron Roskos, Nita Smith, Adina Zahradnikova, Troy Roper

### **Committee Members Excused**

Kari Peterson, Sandy Brooks, Elaine Pollock, Sara Sanders, Breanne Berg

### **UDOH Staff Support**

Kevin Condra, Trish Keller, Missi Leak

### **Welcome**

- Nita Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the meeting.

### **Approval of September Minutes**

- Minutes were approved by committee.

### **Legislative Issues**

- **Status of fund:**
  - The fund is “frozen”, meaning, the fund is still there but the money that the legislature put into it may be cut.
  - The website has been updated and notes that the one time appropriation to the fund has been placed on a budget cut list by the legislative fiscal analyst.
  - Private donations can still be made to the fund and we can spend anything that is put in from outside sources, just not the legislative appropriation (\$50,000).
  - By continuing the discussion and collecting data, we will be ready for future prospects.
  - Kevin will look at the web-hits and send the committee an update..
- **Other Issues:**
  - Legislature issues:
    - As citizens state employees can have a voice but all state agencies are prohibited from lobbying.
    - If State employees need to be on an advocacy list, send Ron a home email address.

### **Review Draft Brochure for Fund**

- Kevin passed around the brochure.
- The committee looked it over and overall was pleased..
- Add: Will you help section, include that the fund has been frozen - here is how you can help.
- Kevin will send out the revised brochure and post it on the website.
- He will send it to the committee in both color and black/white.

### **Discussion of Committee Membership**

- Dr. Sundwall has asked for the committee to continue.
- We need to send the list of candidates to Dr. Sundwall for approval and to provide names of a couple of survivors and a couple of professionals for replacements.
- Replacements probably need to be recommended for Sandy Brooks and Kari Peterson, since neither has been able to participate.
- Send suggestions of new committee members to be considered, with a brief description of each, to Kevin by Monday, January 19th.
- Kevin will send it on to Dr. Sundwall.
- Once a replacement is appointed, we can send a thank you, your services will no longer be required letter.

### **Meeting Schedule Monthly v. Quarterly**

- Every other month was agreed upon for a meeting schedule.
- The next meeting will be in March.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Legislative Discussion
- New Members Discussion

Next Tentative Meeting  
March 19, 2009  
Utah Department of Health  
288 North 1460 West (Room 201)  
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm